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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Pierre RIPOCHE, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/519,847

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For: METHOD OF FABRICATING AN OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM INCLUDING  
OUTSIDE DEPOSITION OF SILICA, POSSIBLY DOPED SILICA

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 1, 2001 please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

**Please enter the following amendments to the specification:**

Page 6, please insert the following paragraph after paragraph 5:

Figure 6 is another diagrammatic view of a plasma surfacing system in which the  
movement of the heating and injection means is shown.

Page 6, paragraph 6 (after DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED  
EMBODIMENT):

Figures 1 and 6 show a plasma surfacing system including an enclosure 1 which has a  
transparent window 2, a preform 3 which is seen end on (in Fig. 1) and onto which are directed a